

**Scripture 1:**

*The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was going to visit another place. The man told his servants to take care of his things while he was gone. He decided how much each servant would be able to care for. He gave one servant 5 bags of money, another servant 2 bags of money and gave a third servant 1 bag of money. Then the man left. The servant who got 5 bags went quickly to invest the money. The 5 bags of money earned 5 more. It was the same with the servant who had 2 bags of money. He invested the money and earned 2 more. But the servant who got 1 bag of money went out and dug a hole in the ground. Then he hid his master's money in the hole.*

*After a long time the master came home. He asked the servants what they did with his money. The servant who got 5 bags of money brought 5 more bags to the master. The servant said, 'Master, you trusted me to care for 5 bags of money. So I used your 5 bags to earn 5 more.' The master answered, 'You did well. You did well with small things. So I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me.' Then the servant who got 2 bags of money came to the master. The servant said, 'Master, I used your 2 bags to earn 2 more.' The master answered, 'You did well. You did well with small things. So I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me.' Then the servant who got 1 bag of money came to the master. The servant said, 'Master, I knew that you were a hard man. So I was afraid. I went and hid your money in the ground. Here is the bag of money you gave me.' The master answered, 'You are a bad and lazy servant! You should have at least put my money in the bank. Then, when I came home, I would get my money back with interest.'*

*So the master told his other servants, 'Take the bag of money from that servant and give it to the servant who has 10 bags of money. Everyone who uses what he has will get more. But the one who does not use what he has will have everything taken away from him.' Then the master said, 'Throw that useless servant outside, into the darkness!'*

## Theme: Spread The Word

### Scripture 2:

*It is hard to find an excellent wife.*

*She is worth more than rubies.*

*Her husband trusts her completely.*

*With her, he has everything he needs.*

*She does him good and not harm for as long as she lives.*

*She looks for wool and linen.*

*She likes to work with her hands.*

*She makes thread with her hands and weaves her own cloth.*

*She welcomes the poor.*

*She helps the needy.*

*Charm can fool you, and beauty can trick you.*

*But a woman who respects the Lord should be praised.*

*Give her the reward she has earned.*

*She should be openly praised for what she has done.*

### Reflections on Scripture:

What is the role of a Christian?

How does HTA try to fulfil this role?

Why is it important to tell others about Christ?

How can we teach others about Christ?

What might be the consequences (both positive & negative) of teaching others about Christ?

Why are some people reluctant to tell others about Jesus' message?

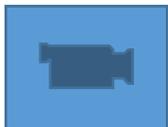
### Saint of the Week: St Elizabeth of Hungry

How did St Elizabeth try to teach others about God?



Why might her actions speak louder than words?

How can St Elizabeth inspire Christians today to spread the word of God and teach others about God?



Reflective Music



Hymn: Go Out In the World

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### Prayer:

Father, may we never tire of hearing the stories of Jesus or become lax in telling others about Jesus.

Your choice to enter this earth in such a lowly and timely manner is a story that not only the shepherds were commissioned to go out and tell, but it is the commission of all believers to spread this amazing story. It's not just for the people of Jerusalem or simply a segment of our society or a select period in history.

Instead Christ's coming affects people of all tongues, tribes, and nations, from the north to the south, from east to west – all who will call upon the Lord Jesus to be saved. Help us to be bold and unwavering in our quest to reach the lost and dying world that touches us each day.

Amen.

### Pope Francis:

*'Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.'*



### The World Today:

To what extent are actions more important than words?

To what extent has the C19 pandemic demanded that we reflect on our actions towards helping those in need?

How have (or can!) our actions during this period of C19 show that we are spreading the word of God?